

Filling up of Vacancies in EIL

661. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newspaper report captioned "EIL directed to fill up vacancies" which appeared in the Hindustan Times, New Delhi dated the 6th February, 2001;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) by when the vacancies of contract engineers and other employees will be filled up and regularised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Recommendations/observations contained in the Second Report of the Committee on Subordinate Legislation (Thirteenth Lok Sabha) (1999-2000) in so far as representation on behalf of all contract employees of EIL is concerned, are being processed.

(c) EIL has decided that 50% of vacancies/requirements of Management Trainees will be filled on an annual basis from contract engineers working in the Company or who have left the services of the Company on account of completion of contract period/foreclosure of contract and are meeting the selection criteria.

Supply of Natural Gas to APCL

662. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken by the Ministry over supply to natural gas to Assam Petrochemicals Ltd. after the discussion with the MPs from Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there are any criteria on which the decisions have been taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) Oil India Limited is continuing to supply natural gas to M/s. Assam Petrochemicals Ltd. (APL) at the price fixed by the Government from time to time for the consumers in the North-Eastern States.

(c) As per the current pricing regime, the consumer price of natural gas at landfall point is linked to the international price of a basket of fuel oils. The current linkage in respect of North-Eastern States is 45% of the fuel oil price, while the same is 75% for the other States. Over and above the concessional gas price, consumers in the North-Eastern States are eligible for a discount of Rs. 300 per thousand cubic meters on a case to case basis. M/s APL is already availing this discount.

Allocation of Kerosene to West Bengal and Darjeeling

663. SHRI DAWA LAMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of Kerosene Oil allocated to West Bengal in the months of October, 2000 to December, 2000 and January, 2001; and
(b) the quantum of Kerosene oil allocated to Darjeeling, Kalimpong and Kurseong Sub-division during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Kerosene allocated to the State of West Bengal for the period from October, 2000 to January, 2001 is given below:

(Figures in MTs)

| Month | Monthly Allocation | Additional Allocation* | Total |
|--------------|--------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Oct.' 2000 | 68041 | 7782.1 | 75823.1 |
| Nov.' 2000 | 68041 | 7782.1 | 75823.1 |
| Dec.' 2000 | 68041 | 0 | 68041 |
| Jan.' 2001 | 68041 | 0 | 68041 |
| TOTAL | 272164 | 15564.2 | 287728.2 |

*Additional allocation was given for meeting the State's requirement on account of floods.